

**South Carolina Department of Corrections
Recidivism Rates of Inmates Released during FY2002 - FY2007**

	Year of Release					
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Number of Releases	12,204	12,538	13,489	13,565	13,716	13,499
Percentage of Releasees who Returned to SCDC:	Recidivism Rate by Year of Release					
	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Within One Year or Less	13.1%	12.4%	12.1%	12.1%	11.9%	13.1%
Within Two Years or Less	25.1%	24.9%	24.5%	25.5%	25.6%	25.7%
Within Three Years or Less	32.3%	32.7%	33.0%	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%
Within Four Years or Less	36.7%	37.4%	38.4%	39.1%	38.8%	n/a
Within Five Years or Less	40.3%	41.3%	42.1%	42.6%	n/a	n/a

Comparison of 3-Year Recidivism Rates by Inmate Attributes						
Attributes	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Overall Rate	32.3%	32.7%	33.0%	33.9%	33.6%	33.5%
Gender						
Males	33.6%	34.0%	34.4%	35.3%	35.1%	35.1%
Females	21.5%	22.7%	22.2%	23.7%	22.3%	20.9%
Type of Release						
Maxout (Expiration of Sentence)	20.3%	22.1%	24.0%	25.3%	26.0%	25.6%
Parole	29.1%	31.1%	29.1%	29.1%	27.9%	26.3%
Probation	44.7%	43.5%	42.1%	45.8%	43.9%	43.5%
Community Supervision			29.6%	34.1%	32.6%	32.3%
Youthful Offender Act* - Parole	55.7%	52.7%	53.4%	53.0%	52.8%	54.1%
Youthful Offender Act* - Maxout	34.0%	28.4%	33.9%	31.2%	33.9%	40.4%
Age at Release						
Under 25 Years	44.5%	44.2%	43.5%	43.2%	45.1%	44.9%
25-30 Years	29.8%	28.2%	30.7%	31.8%	30.8%	31.0%
31-40 Years	29.1%	31.8%	31.4%	33.3%	31.7%	32.1%
Over 40 Years	21.3%	22.7%	23.8%	26.4%	27.2%	27.2%
Program Participation						
Pre-Release	30.0%	31.9%	28.2%	31.1%	31.5%	29.7%
Work Program	25.5%	26.8%	25.9%	28.1%	27.4%	24.8%
Labor Crew	26.6%	27.2%	27.1%	29.4%	28.8%	25.4%
Labor Crew/Work Program	26.4%	27.4%	26.8%	29.2%	28.6%	25.4%
Prison Industry	28.7%	31.4%	27.8%	29.8%	27.2%	26.4%
Sentence Type						
Youthful Offender Act*	53.5%	50.5%	51.7%	50.9%	51.2%	52.7%
Straight-time	28.5%	29.7%	29.7%	31.4%	31.2%	30.7%
Criminal History **						
Had Conviction and/or Commitment	33.1%	33.5%	33.6%	36.2%	36.4%	36.7%
Had Commitment	35.9%	36.4%	36.3%	38.9%	38.3%	38.2%
No Known Priors	25.3%	25.7%	22.1%	28.7%	27.9%	27.2%

* Youthful Offender Act (YOA) inmates serve an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 6 years.

** Prior to FY05, all priors data based on manual entry of priors at intake; FY05 and after, priors data based on inmate's previous SCDC commitments and data entry of "all convictions" and "out-of-state commitments".